

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I was unable to attend yesterday's vote on the nomination of Scott Stump, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education. Had I been able to attend, I would have supported the nomination.

CONFIRMATION OF SCOTT STUMP

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, yesterday the Senate voted to confirm Scott Stump, who was nominated to serve as Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education at the Department of Education. Mr. Stump will be in charge of matters related to career, technical, and adult education at the high school and post-secondary levels.

Stump is well-qualified for this role. He spent nearly 14 years at the Colorado Community College System as assistant provost for career and technical education, where he was in charge of directing the system's career and technical education programs and guiding implementation of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act. He is also a past president of the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium, now called Advance CTE. He is supported by the Association for Career and Technical Education and Advance CTE. He was approved by the HELP Committee on June 26, 2018, by voice vote.

Mr. Stump will be key in carrying out the Perkins Act reauthorization, which I expect Congress to complete its work on this year. The reauthorization, which aligns Federal dollars more closely with the needs of employers and employees and gives States more flexibility in spending Federal dollars, was passed out of the HELP Committee unanimously on June 26, 2018. The House of Representatives passed its reauthorization on June 22, 2017.

I look forward to working with Mr. Stump as he takes on this role at the Department of Education, and I urge my colleagues to support him as well.

TRIBUTE TO ROCCO SICILIANO

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, today I wish to commemorate the life of Rocco Siciliano, of Beverly Hills, CA. This combat-decorated veteran of World War II served his Nation as an infantry platoon leader in the 10th Mountain Infantry Division in Italy, earned the Bronze Star for Valor, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Army Special Commendation Medal. He and thousands of his fellow countrymen served as soldiers in the liberation of Europe under Supreme Allied Commander General Dwight D. Eisenhower, a fellow Kansan and personal hero of mine. Rocco later served in President Eisenhower's administration, first as an assistant secretary in the U.S. De-

partment of Labor from 1953 to 1957, then as Special Assistant to the President for Personnel Management policies from 1957 to 1959. This leads me to the reason I rise today.

Rocco Siciliano, after decades of service to our Nation in many significant roles and having secured many accomplishments over his illustrious career in both the public and private sectors, was elected chairman of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission in 2001. Joined on the commission by fellow decorated World War II combat veterans, Senators Daniel Inouye and Ted Stevens, Rocco led the commission whose congressionally mandated mission is to create a national memorial to our 34th president, Dwight D. Eisenhower. Rocco successfully led the Commission for 14 years before stepping down as chair in 2015. As Rocco's successor as chair of the Commission, I feel I must recognize him for his significant accomplishments. During his tenure, Rocco guided the commission through the processes of memorial site selection and the design competition. His remarkable and steadfast work has helped the commission get us to this memorable juncture. The memorial to Ike is under construction in our Nation's Capital, between 4th and 6th Streets on Independence Avenue, Southwest. Rocco continues to serve as chair emeritus on the commission as one of the four Presidentially appointed commissioners. The commission seeks to dedicate the completed memorial to Ike on May 8, 2020, the 75th anniversary of V-E Day.

Speaking on behalf of the Eisenhower Memorial Commission, I wish to recognize Rocco's patriotism, leadership, perseverance, and tenacity that have been of great benefit to our Nation. He has been a valued colleague in this monumental endeavor, and I stand to honor him today.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING MARCUS J. YATES

• Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, today I wish to join the Philadelphia community in renaming the 6000 block of Springfield Avenue to Marcus J. Yates Way.

Thirty years ago, on July 18, 1988, a gun fight on this block took the life of 5-year-old Marcus Yates. Marcus's death was a tragedy that prompted Philadelphia residents to seek change in their community, and while today's street dedication leaves us with a daily reminder of Marcus's life, it also serves as a testament to the dedication of the Yates family and those who stood alongside them, to ensure that his death would not be in vain.

Marcus's killing served as the inspiration for efforts to better protect the children of west Philadelphia. Neighbors looked to create new, safer spaces for children, with residents setting up sports teams and drama clubs. Fol-

lowing the incident, citizens also organized a number of antidrug groups and held antidrug marches throughout the city, citing the increase in drug trafficking as a cause for the increase in gun violence in the community.

In 1990, the Yates family opened the Marcus J. Yates Home for Children, housing over 30 foster children from the area. Since their son's death, the Yates family has become advocates against gun violence, seeking to prevent similar devastation from occurring throughout the Nation. They have taken this effort from the municipal level all the way to the Federal Government.

When people described Marcus, they often commented on his vibrant, welcoming spirit. It is a tragedy that the community lost a bright soul at such a young age. Through the efforts of Marcus's family and his community, his legacy is one of advocacy and action. They have worked tirelessly to ensure that his short life was not lost in vain.

The efforts of the West Philadelphia community, as well as the resilience of the Yates family are examples for us all. Their actions show us that with compassion and collaboration, tragedy can be a driving force for positive change. We honor their efforts and their persistence today on the anniversary of a life taken too soon.●

TRIBUTE TO JACKSON WILLIAM "J.W." STINE

• Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, today I would like to acknowledge and honor Jackson William "J.W." Stine on his 100th birthday. Mr. Stine is a longtime businessman and World War II veteran combat pilot who has served the State of Louisiana for many years.

Mr. Stine was born to Sulphur residents Andrew and Elma Stine on July 22, 1918. He attended Normal College—today Northwestern State University—and went on to marry his high school sweetheart, Doris "Dee Dee" Drost on January 14, 1944. They remained married for 67 years until Dee Dee passed away in 2011. Together they raised seven children, and today, they have 31 grandchildren and 71 great-grandchildren.

J.W. joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1944. Captain Stine flew over 40 combat missions as a pilot of a B-26 aircraft over Germany, Italy, and France. He flew the B-26 Marauder in the 17th Bombardment Group. J.W., with the 17th Bombardment Group, and conducted bombing missions against critical targets throughout the Mediterranean, Italy, France, and Germany. It received the Distinguished Unit Citation, DUC, for its support of the Anzio invasion and another for its outstanding performance over Schweinfurt. For operations in support the invasion of France, it received the French Croix de Guerre with Palm.

J.W. and his best friend, J.C. Carlin, opened a construction company in Sulphur after World War II and then a